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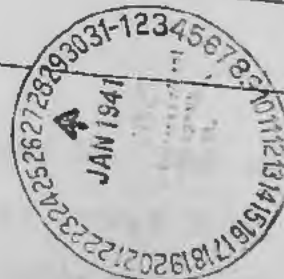
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SHARON M. E. SOUTH-----LOCUST CREEK

On the front of this church is the following;

Sharon M. E. South

Oct.

1890

The deed to the land was given by May 31, 1890 by Edwin L. Beard and Mollie R. Beard, his wife, to George Hill, Geo. W. Callison, Thos. F. Callison, Noah D. McCoy and M. Nick McCoy, trustees, for the use of the M. E. Church, South in consideration of their appreciation of the benefits and blessings of a preached gospel and as a small token of the love they bear to him who gave himself for them, as well as other valuable considerations which are hereby acknowledged have this day sold to the said trustees a certain lot containing one acre on the waters of Locust Creek. If at any time it ceases to be used as church property, same shall return to donors.

A Methodist preacher by the name of VanHorn held a meeting in the school house. There were around 50 conversions, part of whom joined the Methodist church and part the Presbyterian. It was then decided that they should have a church, so they worked together and donated money enough to build. It was completed and dedicated in Oct. of 1890. Edwin L. Beard and Thomas Callison were the main one to sponsor the building of this church. Lumber for the seats was hauled by wagon from Roncevert.

The Presbyterians also used this church until they built Beard Chapel in 1922.

The oldest members were Edwin L. Beard, Mollie Beard, Noah McCoy and family, William Lindsay and family, Frank Walton and family, John Outlip and family, James Weiford and family, John Edmiston and family.

A few years ago Calvin May, John May, Wallace McCoy, Letcher Kidd and Nick McCoy had some much needed repair done on the church, including a new roof. The church is very well furnished, and in need of very little repair. It needs paint on the outside and on the roof more than any thing else.

At one time they had a rather strong church with many workers, but at the present there is only a small class. It is an appointment on the Hillsboro or Levelton Circuit with Rev. L. S. Shires as the present pastor.

The present church workers are Remus May, Supt. D. N. Callison, Henry Kincaid, and Letcher Kidd. The Stewards and Trustees are D. N. Callison, Letcher Kidd, Elba Callison, and Henry Kincaid. Mrs. Elba Callison was a good worker until they moved to Marlinton.

William Callison was for many years the Supt. and class leader, and the church has been going down ever since his death. They have preaching once a month, Sunday school only in the summer and there are no church organizations.

From--Wallace McCoy

Mrs. Sidney McCoy

Mrs. D. N. Callison

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OFFICE LETTER

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To	Bruce Crawford	Office	Date Aug. 10, 1940
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Up to the present time I have not been successful in finding any thing whatsoever about the lives of the Methodist Circuit Riders. Calvin Price says that all of the Presbyterian Circuit Riders were well educated, most of them having Doctors Degrees from Edinburg, Scotland. But that the Methodists were not so well educated. However, they seem to have had quite a following of members. *I am getting material on all of the Methodist Protestant Churches first.*

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